

State of Georgia

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# Department of Revenue

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#### **NOTICE LGSD-2012-002**

RE: Proposed Amendment of Rule 560-11-8-.08 "Multi-County Property," and Rule 560-11-8-.16 "Claim for Refund."

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

In compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4, the Georgia Department of Revenue gives notice that it proposes to amend Rule 560-11-8-.08 "Multi-County Property"; and Rule 560-11-8-.16 "Claim for Refund." Attached with this notice are an exact copy and synopsis for the proposed rules. The proposed rules are being amended under the authority of O.C.G.A. §§ 48-2-12, 48-6-61, 48-6-62, and 48-6-64.

The Department of Revenue shall consider the amendment of Rule 560-11-8-.08 "Multi-County Property," and 560-11-8-.16 "Claim for Refund" at 10:00 a.m. on 2012 in Suite 15200 of the Department's headquarters at the below address.

The Department must receive all comments regarding the amendment of the above referenced rule from interested persons and parties no later than <u>w.oo</u> a.m. on 2012. Written comments must be sent to: Commissioner, Georgia Department of Revenue, 1800 Century Blvd. N.E., Suite 15300, Atlanta, GA 30345-3205. Electronic comments must be sent to regcomments@dor.ga.gov. Facsimile comments must be sent to (404) 417-2293. Please reference "Notice Number LGSD-2012-002" on all comments.

Dated: November 20 2012

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#### **SYNOPSIS**

# RULES OF DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DIVISION

# CHAPTER 560-11-8 INTANGIBLE RECORDING TAX

## 560-11-8-.08 Multi-County Property.

- This is an amended Rule.
- This Rule provides the method for collecting Intangible Recording Tax when the encumbered property is in more than one county.
- This Rule is being amended to bring it into conformity with current Georgia law.

# RULES OF DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## CHAPTER 560-11-8 INTANGIBLE RECORDING TAX

#### 560-11-8-.08 Multi-County Property.

- (1) With respect to any instrument given as security for a long-term note wherein the real property is located in more than one county, the intangible recording tax shall be paid to the each county in which the instrument is first recorded. The value of the real property located in each county must be certified under oath by the holder of the note presenting the instrument for recording.
- (2) The collecting officer will then transmit to each of the other counties their proportionate share of the tax, including any interest and penalties received, based upon multiplying the total tax, interest and penalties by the percentage of the value that the real property securing the instrument in that county bears to the value of all Georgia real property securing in each county shall certify that the proper intangible recording tax has been paid along with any penalties assessed on the instrument. The instrument and penalties shall be transmitted to the other counties in the same

manner as the tax, including the original county withholding the same applicable percentage as a collection fee.

(3) Once the deed to secure debt is recorded, the certification that the proper intangible recording tax has been paid entitles the holder to record the deed to secure debt in any other county of this state without payment of any further tax.

(4) If the holder desires to record the instrument simultaneously in more than one county, and if the instrument has been executed in multiple counterparts or consists of several documents substantially identical except for the descriptions of the real properties encumbered thereby, then the holder shall pay the intangibleshould submit a counterpart of the instrument for recording tax to thein each individual county, in which the first of such counterparts or documents is recorded in accordance with subsection (1) and may record such other counterparts or documents in the other county or counties without payment of any additional intangible recording tax if an affidavit of the holder is attached thereto setting forth the amount of, and the county to which, the intangible recording tax was so paid on the first of such instruments recorded. The collecting officer in such other county or counties may rely upon said affidavit in accepting such other counterparts or documents for recording without payment of any additional intangible recording tax. The counterpart should contain

the appropriate description of the property that is encumbered in the subject county along with an affidavit that sets forth the value of the real property encumbered in every county being secured by the instrument.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 48-2-12, 48-6-4, 48-6-8, 48-6-60, 48-6-61, 48-6-62, and 48-6-64 et seq.

## **SYNOPSIS**

# RULES OF DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DIVISION

# CHAPTER 560-11-8 INTANGIBLE RECORDING TAX

# 560-11-8-.16 Claim for Refund.

- This is an amended Rule.
- This Rule provides for the method of filing a Claim for Refund of Intangible Recording Tax.
- This Rule provides clarification concerning the procedures to be followed in accordance with Georgia law.

#### RULES OF

## DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DIVISION

# CHAPTER 560-11-8 INTANGIBLE RECORDING TAX

#### 560-11-8-.16 Claim for Refund.

- (1) Any taxpayer who disputes the taxability of an instrument or the amount of tax <u>eollected</u>assessed by the collecting officer, may pay the tax under <u>Pprotest and record the deed</u>. The <u>Pprotest must be filed in duplicate and signed by the tax official collecting the tax at the time theat the moment the instrument is recorded and tax is paid. It cannot be filed after the instrument has been recorded. The <u>Protest must be filed in duplicate and signed by the collecting officer at the time of recording.</u> One copy is toshould be attached to the instrument being recorded and <u>with</u> the second executed copy forwarded by the <u>Tax Official collecting officer</u> to the Department of Revenue, <u>Property Tax Division</u>, 405 Trinity Washington <u>Building</u>, Atlanta, Georgia 30334at the address indicated on the <u>Protest form</u>.</u>
- (2) The collecting officer receivingwho receives the protested payment under written protest shall deposit it into a special escrow fundaccount.

- (3) A taxpayer making written protest must file a claim for refund of the protested amount within 30 days of the payment under protestwho files a Protest must file a Claim for Refund in order to "perfect" the Protest. The Claim for Refund must be filed no later than thirty days from the date of the Protest. It may also be executed at the time the Protest is filed. The Celaim for Refund shouldshall be filed in triplicate with the Department of Revenue, Property Tax Division, 405 Trinity Washington Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, and and sent to the address indicated on the Claim for Refund form. Aa fourth copy shall be filed with the collecting officer who collected the taxrecorded the instrument under Protest.
- (4) Any taxpayer whose <u>Protest and Celaim</u> for <u>Rrefund</u> is denied, in whole or in part, has the right to bring an action for refund of the amount so claimed and not approved against the collecting officer who eollected the amount, in his official eapacity, in the <u>Superior Court</u> of the county where the tax was eollected received the payment and recorded the instrument. The action must be filed in the <u>Superior Court</u> of the county in which the instrument was recorded under <u>Protest or in the Georgia Tax</u> Tribunal.
- (5) If the Celaim for Refund is approved, in whole or in part, the collecting officer who collected the tax shall refund to win refund the taxpayer the amount approved without interest.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 48-2-12 and Sec. 48-6-76.